TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1100.

Wednesday, the 29th July, 1925.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12.*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Revenue from the introduction of the system of passes in regard to foreign sheep and cattle.

1. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement in respect of the last six years showing the amount of money realised per annum from the introduction of the system of passes for sheep and cattle taken from British India into the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram, periodically, for the purpose of fertilising the fields in Travancore ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other Duty*) : The money realised from these grazing fees for the past six years was :—

Year.	Sr. Rs.	Ch.	C.	*Year.*	Sr. Rs.	Ch.	C.
1094	1,138	16	0	1097	2,158	19	7
1095	1,871	10	14	1098	2,213	3	1
1096	2,739	3	6	1099	2,961	8	0

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[Mr. N. Nilakanta Pillai.]

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know, Sir, whether the Government do not think that the gradual increase in grazing fees for the last six years shows that the ryots of these two taluks depend more and more on the periodical visit of sheep and cattle from British India?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other Duty*): That is a statement of opinion for the accuracy of which, under the Rules, the Member asking the question should make himself responsible.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Do the Government propose to do away with the grazing fees so as to facilitate the periodical visits of sheep and cattle from British India for the purpose of fertilising the fields in Travancore.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other Duty*): Equalisation of fees in all forest divisions is under consideration?

Registry of lands to Depressed Classes.

2. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of land were registered to the members of depressed classes in 1100 in the Tovala taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 8·12 acres during the first ten months of 1100.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that this slow progress of registry of lands to the members of the depressed classes is not at all satisfactory? If so, may I know whether the Government propose to expedite the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Orders have been issued to expedite the registry of lands to depressed classes. Whether the progress so far made is satisfactory or not is a matter of opinion. There is the Protector of Depressed Classes whose duty it is to speed up such registries.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that, in the Dewan's address during the last session of the Assembly, the Dewan made the very same remarks?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Sambavar Member on the Nagercoil Municipal Council.

3. MR. M SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): (*a*) Is there any member from the Sambavar community as a councillor in the Nagercoil Municipal Council at present?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to nominate at least one Sambavar as a member at the time of the next nominations?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

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